

REPORT FOR DECISION

DECISION OF:	Cabinet
DATE:	Wednesday, 6 March 2013
SUBJECT:	Poverty Strategy 2013-16
REPORT FROM:	Leader of the Council
CONTACT OFFICER:	Amy Svensson, Improvement Adviser
TYPE OF DECISION:	Key decision
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	The Poverty Strategy for Bury 2013-16 is a statutory document originating from the Child Poverty Act 2010, which requires all local authorities to produce child poverty strategies and work with local partners to reduce and prevent child poverty.
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	The Cabinet are asked to approve the contents of the report.
IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	Production of this strategy is both a legal requirement and good practice. The strategy will be delivered through partnership working, and within existing budget levels.
Statement by Executive Director of Resources:	The Policy addresses significant developments in respect of benefit / welfare reform and outlines the importance of a partnership approach to these areas.
Equality/Diversity implications:	Yes An Equality Analysis has been undertaken for the Poverty Strategy 2013-16 and it was

	concluded that the strategy is largely positive by aiming to tackle poverty and inequality.
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	N/A

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR: Chief Executive

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Executive Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
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Scrutiny Committee	Committee	Council	
	06/03/2013		

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Child Poverty Act 2010 requires local authorities to produce child poverty strategies and to work with local partners to reduce and prevent child poverty in the area. In Bury, we feel that in order to achieve this we must look at poverty across all of our communities.
- 1.2 There have been two independent national reviews that have recommended focussing on early intervention and partnership working.
- 1.3 The National Child Poverty Strategy (2011) was published and aims to eradicate child poverty by 2020.

2.0 ISSUES

- 2.1 The Poverty Strategy sets a strong vision and strategic objectives to tackle poverty in Bury.

The main features of the strategy are:

- Details of the background of the strategy, needs assessment and consultation process.
- Details of projects that have been provided by Team Bury partnership organisations to be monitored for progress.
- Robust targets in place to enable progress to be measured and to maintain the focus on the outcomes that affect Bury's residents. The baselines and targets will be available following the completion of the year-end performance report in June 2013.

3.0 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 This strategy sets out to improve the way Team Bury partnership organisations can work together to reduce poverty and improve outcomes for the community whilst recognising the challenges presented by limited resources and the potential impact on capacity.
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List of Background Papers:-

Poverty Needs Assessment

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